

## Richard Gilliam Dunlap to Andrew Jackson, July 12, 1829, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

### GENERAL RICHARD G. DUNLAP<sup>1</sup> TO JACKSON

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Knoxville, July 12, 1829.

*Dear Sir,* A few days since I received a letter from Gover. Houston of the 29th of May last from the Osage nation. He was on a visit to this tribe and was to return (to his adopted father's Jolly, the King of the Arkansas Cheerokees) in *one mon*. He speaks of his *exile* from society with the mild and elevated calmness of a phylosopher. I mourn his fate. T'is the wreck of more than fair hopes, and has to some extent deranged our state matters. Majr McClellen, the agent for the Osage nation, is dead. will this place not suit Houston? He solicits nothing in his letter, but *past* friendships urge me to mention to you this fact. While I well know your hearts yearns over his misfortune with the kindness [ *sic* ] sorrow; I still feel assured that *Houston* is *one* of the *men* in this nation that you would like to rescue from almost promised ruin. If he will again begin the discharge of publick duties, hopes of better times may dispel the gloom that seems to surround his fortune. His letter shews no despondency but his *change* foretells much, I fear. I hope you will excuse this importunity for my friend. He deserves a better fate and a higher destiny than to be the agent of a savage tribe, according to the friendship of my views. He directs me to write him at Cantoontment Gibson Arkansas Territory. We have a most shamefull canvass between Lea and Arnold. This foolish and wicked disorganiser seems to have inspired the

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*people* with the promise of great things and that he is the chosen agent to bring them to pass. . . .